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THE PINEAPPLE CROP OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

The following is Harold Kerr's paper,
on "The Pineapple Industry of Ha-
waii," read at the closing exercises of
the Punahou Preparatory:Pineapple raising has become one of
the leading industries of the Hawaiian
Islands, being formed on a very profit-
able basis.The pineapple is supposed to be a
native of Brazil, whence it has passed
to other parts of tropical America, in-
cluding the West Indies, and more
lately to parts of Asia and Africa.It became known to Europeans
about the middle of the sixteenth cen-
tury. We hear of it in England a
hundred years later, some having been
sent as a present to Cromwell, and in
1681 it was served at a banquet given
by Charles II. In 1718 the cultivation
of the pineapple was first successfully
established in England, in the garden
of Sir M. Decker, of Richmond, Sur-
rey. The plants were grown in pits
heated with bark, and watered with
tepid water.The name pineapple is taken from
the general resemblance of the fruit
to that of a large cone of a pine tree.Pineapples were first brought to the
Hawaiian Islands from Florida and
Australia. Oahu, Hawaii and Maui
are the chief islands for raising this
fruit, and while there are already over
three thousand acres planted, there are
thousands of acres still available.
Within the next five years it is esti-
mated that there will be about ten
thousand acres in bearing, and while
the United States will receive an un-
limited amount of both fresh and
canned fruit, there is little or no dan-
ger of raising an overproduction. Ten
or twelve canneries are already in
operation and others are being con-
structed. This year in June or July
there will be five canneries running on
Oahu—two in Wahiawa, two in Hono-
lulu, and one in Pearl City.Wahiawa produces the best grade of
"pines," the requirements of height,
soil and rainfall being especially
adapted.They are raised to the best advan-
tage at an altitude of from four hun-
dred to twelve hundred feet; the red
soil is considered far superior to the
brown or black, and a rainfall of from
forty to eighty inches per annum is all
that is necessary, while double the
amount will grow them to perfection.
The best "pines" are raised on this
island, as the rainfall on Maui is in-
sufficient and that on Hawaii over-
abundant.Previous to planting, great care
must be taken in preparing the soil
by plowing, cross-plowing and harrow-
ing. Ample space should be left be-
tween the rows for picking the fruit
when ripe. People take great pride in
making a row as long and straight as
possible.The cultivation consists in keeping
the rows in good condition and free
from weeds.There are four ways of growing
pineapples. In the first place the tops

MOTHERS

should know. The troubles with
multitudes of girls is a want of
proper nourishment and enough
of it. Now-a-days they call this
condition by the learned name of
Anemia. But words change no
facts. There are thousands of
girls of this kind anywhere be-
tween childhood and young lady-
hood. Disease finds most of its
victims among them. Some of
them are passing through the
mysterious changes which lead
up to maturity and need especial
watchfulness and care. Alas,
how many break down at this
critical period; the story of such
losses is the saddest in the his-
tory of home. The proper treat-
ment might have saved most of
these household treasures, if the
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here and throughout the world.are often planted; if this method is
used, two years are required before
the plants reach maturity. Two years
are also required if the root or stump
is planted. Then there are the suck-
ers which grow out from the blossom.
These when planted will be ready to
bear in a year and a half. Aside from
these three ways of growing pineap-
ples, there is the one of using the lit-
tle slips which spring up from around
the roots of the old plants.Nearly every plant produces one
pine, and very rarely two.The pineapple will grow in very dry
soil without irrigation, as the base of
the leaf is curved thus forming a
pocket to hold the rainwater. The first
crop of pineapples will average ten tons
to the acre, the second crop when raised
from the same plants will not be
as large, as each year the fruit de-
creases in size. It does not pay to
raise more than a second crop from
the first plants, for you will gain more
by planting a new crop and waiting
two years, then by waiting one year
and having small pineapples.The average weight of a pineapple is
from six to nine pounds, but some have
grown to the size of eleven pounds.The cost of production, provided the
plants can be secured at a reasonable
price is fifteen dollars per ton of fruit
and sometimes even less than ten dol-
lars a ton. Canner prices range from
twenty to twenty-seven dollars per
ton, and if the fruit is shipped
fresh to the Pacific coast or Eastern
markets, as high as two hundred to
two hundred and forty dollars per ton
are obtained.The crop of Hawaiian pineapples in
1907 is valued at five hundred thousand
dollars and it is estimated that the crop
of 1912 will amount to a hundred thou-
sand tons or more. The pineapple if
handled and packed carefully will
stand shipment at least five thousand
miles. The variety of pineapples chief-
ly cultivated is the Smooth Cayenne,
although the Red Spanish, a smaller
and more woody variety, is preferred
by some growers. The principal crop
of Hawaiian pineapples ripen from
June to September during which time
there are no other pineapples in the
American market. From November to
February there is a second crop.The canning process is very simple.
The fruit is run through a machine
which peels it deep enough to escape
the eyes; another machine removes the
core.Next the pineapples are run through
a slicing machine which cuts them in-
to slices and then they are packed into
tins by women with rubber gloves, and
sealed. These tins are thrown into
great trucks which take them to an-
other apartment of the cannery where
they are plunged into boiling water and
steamed. They are then taken out,
cooled, and labeled. About a hundred
thousand cases of Wahiawa pines were
packed and shipped last year, a case
holding about two dozen tins. Only
whole slices are packed into tins, the
broken slices being ground or chopped
to flavor ice creams and sherberts and
packed in jars.Pickled pineapple and preserves are
also made.As there is great waste in the peel-
ing and core there is much discussion
about utilizing this waste in making
denatured alcohol.On account of the superior quality
of the pines the demand for canned
fruit has been greater than it has been
possible to supply and in all probability
the pineapple industry will in a few
years rival the sugar industry of the
Hawaiian Islands.

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indifference of character for which the
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ament. The Prince is gay by disposi-
tion, with no trace of the introspective
cast of mind. The Czar is reserved.
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to be shy. But the absence of a smile
so characteristic of the Czar's coun-
tenance contrasts with the loud and
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